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In re the Application of

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For: WIRING PATTERN AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME AND THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEMS

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items mailed November 19, 2002 (copy enclosed), Option III is elected for this application. Applicant accepts the February 8, 2002 filing date with the application in the form as deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on that date.

Attached to this communication is a Preliminary Amendment, which amends the Brief Description of the Drawings to address the issues raised in the Notice of Omitted Items. In particular, this application only includes Figure 9, which was filed with the application on February 8, 2002. The Brief Description of the Drawings is amended to eliminate any reference to Figures 9A and 9B, and to only refer Figure 9.

In addition, the Preliminary Amendment amends the Brief Description of the Drawings to delete any reference to Figures 42-46, and to change the description of Figure 22 to identify Figures 22A and 22B, which is consistent with the drawings as filed on February 8, 2002.

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Enclosures: Notice of Omitted Items
Preliminary Amendment

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NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 9A and 9B described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) requesting the later filing date **must** be filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. **THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) OR (b).** In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the

references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.


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